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1. PERMREP INFORMALLY RAISED POSSIBILITY CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION RE ADMITTANCE U.S./CANADA INTO EUROPEAN REGION WITH BELGIUM PERMREP AMBASSADOR VAN USSEL. HE RAISED ISSUE WITH BRUSSELS AND REPORTED BACK THAT THEY WOULD VOTE FOR U.S. ENTRY BUT AT THIS TIME COULD NOT MAKE A COMMITMENT RE CO-SPONSORSHIP. VAN USSEL URGED THAT U.S. MAKE DEMARCHE AT CAPITALS OF WE 9 AND PARTICULARLY URGED THIS BE DONE IMMEDIATELY SO THAT MATTER MAY BE INFORMALLY RAISED IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION
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MEETING OF NINE IN PARIS SEPTEMBER 16. VAN USSEL INDI-

CATED FIRST EFFORT SHOULD BE TO ASK OTHER MEMBERS OF NINE TO URGE FRENCH WITHDRAW THEIR OBJECTION TO U.S. ADMISSION. SECOND STEP WOULD BE TO CONSIDER CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT EFFORTS AT UNESCO WOULD NOT BE VERY PRODUCTIVE AS DECISION WOULD BE MADE IN CAPITALS AND SOME OF NINE HAVE WEAK REPRESENTATIVES AT UNESCO. VAN USSEL ALSO SUGGESTED U.S. RAISE ISSUE IN N.Y. WHEN NINE MEET AT U.N. ON SEPTEMBER 26.

2. PERMREP SUPPORTS VIEWS EXPRESSED BY VAN USSEL, WHO IS ONE OF MOST EXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS AT UNESCO. WOULD RECOMMEND DEPT REQUEST EMBASSY IN NINE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AND ALSO SPAIN TO RAISE ISSUE OF U.S. ENTRY INTO EUROPEAN REGION OF UNESCO AND URGE SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE JOINTLY WITH CANADA. ALSO SHOULD SEEK CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION. IF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTION, IT WOULD LIKELY PASS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

3. RECOMMEND AMB. BUFFUM MAY WISH RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH FRENCH COUNTERPART WHO UNDERSTAND WILL BE IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO 26TH. ALTHOUGH LITTLE LIKELIHOOD FRENCH WILL CHANGE POSITION, MAY MODERATE THEIR ACTIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT CO-SPONSORSHIP OTHER W.E.'S AND LESSEN POSSIBLY OPPOSITION FRANCOPHONE AFRICANS. APPROACH MAY ALSO BE MADE IN NY OTHER REPS NINE TO URGE FRENCH MODERATE THEIR STAND AND AT LEAST NOT MAKE FIGHT TO KEEP U.S. OUT.
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